

Support for claim 24 is provided by claim 1.

Support for claims 25-30 is provided by claim 2.

Support for claim 31 is provided by claim 3.

Support for claim 32 is provided by claim 4.

Support for claim 33 is provided by claim 6.

Support for claim 34 is provided by claim 7.

Support for claim 35 is provided by claim 10.

Support for claim 36 is provided by claim 12.

Support for claim 37 is provided by claim 13.

Support for claim 38 is provided by claim 14.

Support for claim 39 is provided by claim 16.

Support for claims 40-41 is provided by claim 17.

Support for claim 42 is provided by claim 19.

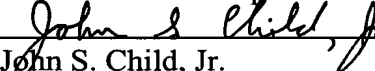
Support for claim 43 is provided by claim 20.

Support for claim 44 is provided by claim 20 and the translated specification at page 17, last two paragraphs.

Support for claim 45 is provided by claim 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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